

Announcement on M'Cone

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NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 27—Following is a transcript of remarks by President Kennedy announcing the appointment of John A. McCone to succeed Allen W. Dulles as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and of the responses of Mr. Dulles and Mr. McCone:

President Kennedy

Admiral, Mr. Dulles, Mr. McCone: I want to express, first, our appreciation to you, Admiral [Vice Admiral Bernard Austin, president of the Naval War College] for your hospitality this morning and that of the U. S. Navy.

I have just one announcement. I have asked Mr. John McCone to accept the responsibility of being the director of the Central Intelligence Agency and chairman of the Joint Intelligence Board, and have asked him to assume this responsibility later in the fall.

When Mr. Allen Dulles and I had our conversation last November, and when I asked him to continue on in his responsibility as director of Central Intelligence Agency, he agreed to do so for a year. He and I have been concerned this summer that this agency should continue to serve as an effective instrument of our country's policy, and we have been most anxious that we would secure the services of an experienced public servant, and that the transition which would be made this fall should be as smooth and effective as possible.

We are both extremely pleased and satisfied that Mr. John McCone, who has served his country in important positions of responsibility, as Under Secretary of the Air Force in the Administration of President Truman, as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission in the Administration of President Eisenhower, and as a position of high responsibility.

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He has had broad experience. Coming once again to Washington represents a real sacrifice for him. I know that all of us who are concerned with the agency are extremely happy to have his counsel, extremely happy to have him associated with us.

He will come in about two weeks, and work with Mr. Dulles and in November will assume the responsibility.

I would like to say one word about my very strong feelings of appreciation and regard for the present director of Central Intelligence

Agency. He has a record almost unique—if not unique in the history of this country, he has served under eight Presidents of the United States, beginning with President Wilson in World War I. Presidents of different parties, serving during different terms. He has brought to their service on each occasion and in each Administration a unique regard for the public interest.

I know of no man who is a more courageous, selfless public servant than Mr. Allen Dulles, and I therefore, in expressing pleasure at having secured the services of Mr. McCone, want to express my profound regret that at the age of 68, after ten years in this responsibility, that Mr. Dulles should be retiring. He has agreed to continue to serve as a consultant to me on intelligence matters, and therefore his long experience will be available to the people of this country.

Perhaps Mr. Dulles would say a word.

Mr. Dulles

Mr. President, Admiral, John [Mr. McCone] and Friends: I am deeply touched by what you have said, Mr. President. It has been a privilege to serve under you this last year, and under your two predecessors in the position of deputy and then as director of Central Intelligence Agency.

In these troubled times the importance of intelligence is emphasized as essential to policy.

I know of no better time to turn from this job to others than after having served for ten years and then to have found what I feel is the ideal choice for a man to carry on this important work.

Thank you again, Mr. President.

Mr. McCone

Mr. President, Admiral, Allen: I appreciate very much your expression of confidence, Mr. President. You mentioned sacrifice. I wish to assure you that in my mind, opportunity to serve my country in this capacity is a very definite privilege.

Thank you, Allen, for your expression. I am not unmindful of the fact that it will be extremely difficult to fill your shoes because of your long experience in this particular field.

However, I will do my best, and I hope that I will always have your help and advice.